**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT - KAZIS ACT, 1880 (Central Act XII of 1880) - Extension of tenure of Sri Shaik Arif S/o Mahabub Basha of Ongole, Prakasam District as Government Kazi for Ongole Division, Prakasam District for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only - Notification - Orders - Issued.

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**MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM-I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 81** **Dated: 13-10-2025**
**Read:-**

1. G.O. Rt.No.64, M.W.(IDM) Dept, Dated.28.05.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.178, M.W.(IDM) Dept., dated:21.08.2019.
3. From the Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam, Lr.F.No.07/Waqf/PKM/ Khazi/2014, dt:12.12.2022.
4. From the Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada, Lr. F.No.22/QZT/PRK/2015, dt:15.12.2022.
5. Complaint petition received from Smt. ShaikShahina, Kabela Bazar, beside Hussania Mosque, Ongole, PrakasamDsitrict, dt:12.12.2022.
6. From the Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District Lr.Rc.No.7/ Waqf/ PKM/ Khazi/2014, dated:14.03.2024.
7. From the Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District Lr.Rc.No.7/ Waqf /PKM/ Khazi/2014, dated:22.05.2025.

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ORDER

In the reference first read above, Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha was appointed as Government Kazi for Ongole Municipal Corporation, Prakasam District for a period of three (3) years, and extended his tenure further for three (3) years in the reference second read above. His tenure expired on 27.05.2021.

2. In the reference 3rd above, the Dist. Collector, Prakasam has submitted a proposal for appointment of Kaziship of Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha , Ongole Mandal along with the reports of the RDO, Ongole and the Tahsildar, Ongole Mandal stating that there are certain allegations pending against him.

3. In the reference sixth cited, the District Collector, Prakasam has stated that the Station House Officer, Ongole Taluka Police Station, Ongole II Town Police Station and Disha Police Station Ongole and stated that a case has been filed on Shaik Rakheeb, Husband and Sri Sahik Ahaik Arif, Govt. Kazi by Smt. Shaik Shahina, R/o Ongole having the FIR No.740/2022, dated:08.11.2022 and also stated that during the investigation it is revealed that, Shaik Sahina and her husband Shaik Rakheeb has arrived Chennai International airport from Kuwait on 24.08.2022 but the Saik Arif, Govt. Kazi, Ongole Municipal Corporation has issued Kulanama Certificate on 18.08.2022, which shows that the Khazi has shown an undue favour to the Rakheeb and facilitated him with Kulanama certificate in a fraudulent manner.

4. In the reference seventh cited, the District Collector, Prakasam District, has submitted a proposal for renewal of Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha, as Government Kazi for Ongole Division along with the report of the Inspector Auditor of Waqf, Prakasam and the rep. of Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha and stating that the cases against Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha has been closed by the Hon'ble Court of AP Criminal Petition No.6889/2024, dated:04.03.2025 and case No.CC/00000176/ 2024 by the Loak Adalat Court, Ongole and concerned records has been submitted to take necessary action. The District Collector, Prakasam District has requested the Government for appointment of Sri Shaik Arif as Government Kazi for Ongole Division.

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5. After careful examination of the reports of the District Collector, Prakasam, Government hereby appoints Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha as Government Kazi for Ongole Division, Prakasam District, for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only subject to the following conditions:

1. The Kazi is answerable to the Government for his actions.
2. The appointment of the Kazi can be revoked by the Government on receipt of complaints/verification of records or in extreme cases without notice, if malafide is established as per record.
3. The Kazi shall not indulge any illegal activity in the conduct of marriages \ nor infringe any law established by the Government.
4. The Kazi shall not carry out marriage of any minor.
5. The Kazi shall not act in any way which is prohibited in Islam or is not permissible in Islam.
6. The Kazi shall not conduct contract marriages.
7. The Kazi or his Naib Kazi shall not perform any marriage, in any area, beyond his specified Jurisdiction.
8. The Kazi shall charge the specified fee and nothing more.
9. The Kazi shall appoint not more than three (3) Naib Kazis and the names of such Naib Kazis shall be informed to the Government.
10. Government shall have the right to take disciplinary action against the Kazi, in case of any contravention of Law or of any conditions specified above.
11. The Kazi shall hand-over the Marriage Record to the Wakf Board, at the end of the tenure.

6. If any question arises whether any person has been rightly extended the services for further period of three years as Kazi under the above said Section, the decision thereof by the State Government shall be conclusive. The State Government may, if it thinks fit, suspend or remove any Kazi appointed under this Section, who is guilty of any misconduct in the execution of his Office, or who is for a continuous period of six months absent from the local area for which he is appointed, or leaves such local area for the purpose of residing elsewhere, or is declared an insolvent or desires to be discharged from the office, or who refuses or becomes in the opinion of the State Government unfit, or personally incapable to discharge the duties of office.

7. The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh State Gazette:-

**NOTIFICATION**

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section (2) of the Kazis Act,1880 (Central Act XII of 1880), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby extends the tenure of Sri Shaik Arif, S/o Mahabub Basha as Government Kazi for Ongole Division, Prakasam District, for a period of ten (10) years for performing Marriages of Muslim Community only".

8. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh State Waqf Board, Vijayawada, and the District Collector, Prakasam shall take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**CH. SRIDHAR, IAS**
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri Shaik Arif S/o Mahabub Basha, Govt. Kazi, Ongole, Prakasam District.
(Through the Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District)
The Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District.

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